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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to Amendment filed on date: May. 17, 2004.

Claims 1-25 are still pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-6, 8-21 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas et al. (US-6,671,756).

Regarding claim 1, Thomas et al. disclose a switching device (fig. 8, element 37 and col. 7, line 42-col. 8, line 33) comprising:

a wireless transmitter (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9);

a wireless receiver associated with the wireless transmitter (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9);

a computer readable medium having instructions (fig. 8, elements 38-40; see col. 9, lines 62-col. 10, line 10) for: maintaining a list of available computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13 and col. 5, lines 2-9); receiving a user communication selecting from among the list of available computing devices (col. 4, line 17-col. 5, line 20); and utilizing the transmitter and the receiver to establish a wireless link between the peripheral device and a computing device selected from the list of available computing devices (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20); a processor operable to execute the instructions (fig. 8, elements 38-40; see col. 9, lines 62-col. 10, line 10).

Regarding claim 10, Thomas et al. disclose a computing system (fig. 8) comprising:

multiple computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13), each of which being configured for wireless communication (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9 and col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20);

one or more peripheral devices (fig. 8, elements 3-8) configured to receive and transmit data (col. 11, lines 52-64); and

a switching device (fig. 8, element 37 and col. 7, line 42-col. 8, line 33) configured to: maintain a list of available computing devices from among the multiple computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13 and col. 5, lines 2-9); receive a user communication selecting from among the list of available computing devices (col. 4, line 17-col. 5, line 20); and establish a wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) between the peripheral device and a

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computing device selected from the list of available computing devices enabling wireless user interaction (col. 4, line 17-col. 5, line 20).

Regarding claim 16, Thomas et al. disclose a computing system (fig. 8) comprising:

multiple computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13), each of which being configured for wireless communication (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9 and col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20);

one or more peripheral devices (fig. 8, elements 3-8) linkable with the computing devices for data exchange (col. 11, lines 52-64); and

a switching device (fig. 8, element 37 and col. 7, line 42-col. 8, line 33) configured to: wirelessly receive and transmit data (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9); maintain a list of available computing devices from among the multiple computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13 and col. 5, lines 2-9); receive a user communication selecting from among the list of available computing devices (col. 4, line 17-col. 5, line 20); and establish a wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9 and col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20) between the peripheral device and a computing device selected from the list of available computing devices enabling wireless user interaction with the computing device (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20).

Regarding claim 21, Thomas et al. disclose a method of controlling multiple computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13) comprising:

maintaining a list of available computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13 and col. 5, lines 2-9);

receiving data from a user, the data being associated with a user selection of an available computing devices from the list (col. 4, line 17-col. 5, line 20);

using the received data to select said one computing device (col. 4, lines 17-53);

establishing a wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) between a peripheral device and the selected computing device (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20); and

permitting the user to interact with said one computing device via said wireless link (col. 4, lines 37-53).

Regarding claim 2, Thomas et al. disclose the switching device as recited in the rejection of claim 1. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein the instructions for utilizing the transmitter and the receiver (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) include instructions (fig. 8, elements 38-40; see col. 9, lines 62-col. 10, line 10) for utilizing the transmitter and receiver to establish a wireless link between the selected computing device and a plurality of peripheral devices that can be used by a user to interact with the selected computing device (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20).

Regarding claims 3, 12 and 18, Thomas et al. disclose all limitations as recited in the rejections of claims 2, 10 and 16, respectively. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein said at least one peripheral device comprises a keyboard (fig. 8, keyboard 5).

Regarding claims 4, 13 and 19, Thomas et al. disclose all limitations as recited in the rejections of claims 2, 10 and 16, respectively. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein said at least one peripheral device comprises a mouse (fig. 8, mouse 6).

Regarding claims 5, 14 and 20, Thomas et al. disclose all limitations as recited in the rejections of claims 2, 10 and 16, respectively. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein said at least one peripheral device comprises a display (fig. 8, video 8).

Regarding claims 6, 15 and 23, Thomas et al. disclose all limitations as recited in the rejections of claims 2, 10 and 21, respectively. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein said at least one peripheral device comprises one or more of a keyboard (fig. 8, keyboard 5), a mouse (fig. 8, mouse 6) and a display (fig. 8, video 8).

Regarding claim 8, Thomas et al. disclose the switching device as recited in the rejection of claim 1. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein the transmitter and receiver comprise an integrated unit (fig. 3 and col. 6, lines 19-21).

Regarding claim 9, Thomas et al. disclose the switching device as recited in the rejection of claim 1. Thomas et al. further disclose further comprising a storage device (fig. 8, RAM 39 and EEROM 40) to maintain a list of available computing devices (col. 9, line 47-col. 10, line 10).

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Regarding claims 11, 17 and 24, Thomas et al. disclose all limitations as recited in the rejections of claims 10, 16 and 21, respectively. Thomas et al. further disclose wherein the selected computing device is a desktop computer (fig. 8, PC 13) and wherein establishing a wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) comprises establishing a wireless link between the peripheral device and the desktop computer (col. 4, lines 17-53).

Regarding claim 25, Thomas et al. disclose one or more readable media having instructions (fig. 8, elements 38-40; see col. 9, lines 62-col. 10, line 10) thereon which, when executed by a switching device (fig. 8, elements 37), cause the switching device to:

maintain a list of available computing devices (fig. 8, PCs 13 and col. 5, lines 2-9);

wirelessly (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) receive data from a user, the data being associated with a user selection from the list of available computing devices (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20);

use the received data to select said one computing device (col. 4, lines 37-53);

establish a wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9) between a peripheral device and the selected computing device (col. 4, line 52-col. 5, line 20);
and

permit the user to interact with said one computing device (col. 4, lines 37-53) via said wireless link (inherently for “wireless connection”; see col. 2, lines 8-9).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 7 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas et al. (US-6,671,756) in view of Amro et al. (US-6,664,949).

Regarding claim 7, Thomas et al. disclose the switching device as recited in the rejection of claim 1. But, Thomas et al. do not particularly show wherein the transmitter and receiver are configured to establish a wireless link via Bluetooth. However in analogous art, Amro et al. teach wherein the transmitter (fig. 1, element 130) and receiver (fig. 1, element 124) are configured to establish a wireless link (col. 5, lines 31-44) via Bluetooth ("low power radio frequency"). Since, Thomas et al. and Amro et al. are related to the method for computing system; therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Thomas et al. as taught by Amro et al. for purpose of offering advantageously the Bluetooth technology into the computing system in order to increase significantly the functionality of the computing system in wireless technology.

Regarding claim 22, Thomas et al. disclose the method as recited in the rejection of claim 21. But, Thomas et al. do not particularly show wherein said receiving comprises wirelessly receiving said data from the user. However, Amro et al. teach wirelessly receiving data from the user (fig. 1 and col. 5, lines 31-44); therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill

in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Thomas et al. as taught by Amro et al. for purpose of offering advantageously wireless technology into the computing system.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy Q Phan whose telephone number is 703-305-9007. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kincaid G Lester can be reached on 703-306-3016. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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